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SUBJECT: UNSC MEMBERS CONGRATULATE US ON VIKING I LANDING
ON MARS

1. AT OPENING OF SC MEETING JULY 27, PANAMANIAN PERMREP
ILLUECA AND ITALIAN PERMREP VINCI, PRESIDENT OF THE SC FOR
JULY , MADE STATEMENTS CONGRATULATING THE US ON THE SUCCESSFUL
LANDING OF VIKING I ON MARS. AMB BENNETT THANKED THEM FOR
THEIR REMARKS. TEXTS OF THE THREE STATEMENTS FOLLOW.

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2. PERMREP ILLUECA: A WEEK AGO -- ON 20 JULY, TO BE PRECISE --
AN ASTONISHING EVENT OCCURRED WHICH BROUGHT JOY TO EVERYONE
ON EARTH AND ABOUT WHICH I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS
BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR WORK TODAY. I AM REFERRING TO THE LANDING
OF VIKING I ON THE PLANET MARS, AFTER A VOYAGE THROUGH SPACE
THAT HAD LASTED ONE YEAR AND COVERED MORE THAN 400 MILLION
MILES. THAT FEAT INITIATED A NEW ERA IN INTERPLANETARY
EXPLORATION.

THIS MYSTICAL JUNCTURE OF TIME AND SPACE HERALDS FURTHER
TREMENDOUS ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY THAT FILL US WITH HOPE FOR
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A BETTER LIFE FOR MANKIND. BUT THAT CAN HAPPEN ONLY WITHIN

A SYSTEM OF PEACE AND JUSTICE, UNDER THE AEGIS OF OUR WORLD ORGANIZATION.

THIS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPRESENTS MORE THAN THE TRIUMPH OF A SINGLE NATION: IT REPRESENTS THE VICTORY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT, OF INDIVIDUALS, OF SCIENTISTS, OF ENGINEERS, OF TECHNICIANS, OF EXPERTS, BOTH IN GOVERNMENT AND IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY, WHO, WORKING FROM THIS PART OF THE EARTH, HAVE MADE THIS GLORIOUS FEAT POSSIBLE. THIS EVENT WILL GO DOWN IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY, WITH UNIVERSAL CONGRATULATIONS AND APPLAUSE. IT WAS WITHOUT DOUBT AN ACT FOR PEACE THAT DOES HONOUR TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAS ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE SOCIETIES IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND.

3. PERM REP VINCI (PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR JULY): WITH THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION, I SHOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TOTALLY TO THE STATEMENT JUST MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PANAMA ABOUT THIS GREAT EVENT CONSTITUTED BY THE LANDING OF VIKING I ON MARS. I THINK I SHALL BE SPEAKING FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS FOR MY OWN DELEGATION IF I SAY THAT THIS HISTORIC EVENT HAS FILLED US ALL WITH GREAT ADMIRATION. WE HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THIS LANDMARK IN THE EXPLORATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM -- AND PERHAPS BEYOND IT -- WHICH WILL WIDEN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THAT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR VERY WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS GREAT SUCCESS.

4. AMB BENNETT: AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE AND HOW TOUCHED WE ARE BY THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PANAMA AND BY YOUR STATEMENT, MR. PRESIDENT. WE HOPE THAT THIS FEAT WILL INDEED BE IN THE INTEREST OF MANKIND. I THINK THAT WHEN WE ENLARGE THE HORIZONS OF ANY COUNTRY WE ENLARGE THE HORIZONS OF ALL COUNTRIES. I SHOULD LIKE TO FEEL THAT THIS EVENT IS GOING TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL OF US.

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